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Re: July 2016 Monthly Progress Report
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action
U.S. EPA Region 10 Docket No. CERCLA 10-2009-0255
Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Project Number: 000029-02.42

Dear Mr. Sheldrake:

This monthly progress report provides information required by Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Order) for actions taken in July 2016 at the Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS MONTH AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

The following actions and correspondences occurred in this month:

- **July 15** – Anchor QEA submitted the Gasco Sediments Site monthly progress report to EPA.
- **July 19** – NW Natural submitted a letter to EPA that provided NW Natural's major concerns with the EPA June 2016 Feasibility Study with a particular focus on inconsistencies with the terms of the Gasco Sediments Site Administrative Settlement Agreement and Consent Order (Order) and with the information, analyses, and conclusions of the Gasco draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). The

letter states that NW Natural continues to be interested in working with EPA to resolve these key site-specific project issues and to make progress toward a final cleanup at the Gasco Sediments Site.

- **July 25** – Anchor QEA performed the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap.

2. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED

The results of the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap are provided as Attachment A.

3. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Anchor QEA anticipates the following activities to occur in the next month:

- Submit the August monthly progress report.
- Complete monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap area.
- NW Natural submitted a letter to EPA on July 19 requesting a meeting to discuss next steps at the Gasco Sediments Site. NW Natural continues to hope that EPA will agree to hold this meeting so that we can resolve how to incorporate the findings of the Gasco Sediments Site draft EE/CA into EPA's remedy selection process and assure the Record of Decision is consistent with the terms of the Gasco Sediments Site Order.

4. ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

No problems or unforeseen conditions were encountered.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Attachment A Monthly Visual Monitoring Report for Pilot Cap Vicinity

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Visual Observations Log Form

Date July 25, 2016 **Project Number:** 000029-02.42 Task 4b

Location: NW Natural "Gasco" Site

Project Name: NW Natural – Gasco

Monitoring Period: Monthly (Year 10)— July 2016

Time Observations Started: July 25, 2016 @ 15:00 **Time Observation Concluded:** July 25, 2016 @ 16:00

Weather Conditions: Sunny, light wind from the northwest, 83° F.

Wave Action Observations: Very light wave action (0.0 – 0.1 feet in height).

Photographs Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tidal Conditions: Willamette River level on 7/25/16 ranged in elevation from 1.48 to 5.21 feet. The Willamette River level at the time of the attached photos (3:15 PM) was approximately 2.35 feet (River Level Elevation Datum: Morrison Gage Height).

Observations of Erosion/Deposition: No erosion/deposition was evident along the shoreline. All previously noted organo-clay mat material segments are visible. A segment 5 feet in length is out of the water approximately 6 feet from the water's edge, near the lateral mid-point of the cap area. A 15-foot section is shoreward of the water's edge, perpendicular to the shoreline at the upriver boundary of the cap area (Photo 1). A section of organo-clay mat material measuring 40 feet in length is exposed near the downriver extent of the cap at the water's edge.

Observations of Long-term Controls (i.e., oil booms, organo-clay mat, etc.) During the observation, the FAMM containment boom was in place across the cap area from the ship dock to an anchor point riverward of the upriver dolphin. Two buoys that identify the cap area to mariners were in place as installed. The position of the FAMM oil boom and warning buoys is shown in Photo 2.

Other Comments:

No sheen was evident in or around the cap area. Photo 3 shows the water surface and shoreline immediately downriver of the sediment cap.

Recorded by:

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Photo 1 — *Mat material visible at the upriver extent of the cap area. (7/25/16):*



Photo 2 — *FAMM oil boom placement and mariner warning buoys at pilot cap area. (7/25/16):*



Photo 3 — *Conditions immediately downriver of cap area (7/25/16):*

